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RE: FINAL EVALUATIONS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

The move from in-person learning to remote learning, as directed by the Province of Ontario, has prompted Rainbow District School Board to review its final evaluation requirements for all secondary courses in semester 1.

As a result, we have made two important changes.

Final grades for all semester 1 courses will now be based solely on assessments completed throughout the semester. There will be no final exams or culminating activities. There will be no 30% final evaluation for courses in semester 1.

Friday, January 28, 2022 to Wednesday, February 2, 2022 will be instructional days.

These changes will maximize instructional time and enable students who may have fallen behind to recover course content. Teachers will have more time to consolidate student learning and to support the completion of late or missed assignments to assist students in earning their credits.

The changes will also mitigate the potential for staff and student extended absences due to COVID-19 and the ensuing stress this may cause for teaching and learning. Student mental health and well-being remain a priority along with health and safety.

Additional support will be provided to ensure student success. Students from the Faculty of Education have been hired to help students catch up, close gaps and rescue credits as a result of absences. Schools will focus on strategies to support students in achieving their credits.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we adjust to COVID-19.

Please do not hesitate to contact your teacher for any support you may need.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Bourget Director of Education